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Alumni Association To Benefit As Non-Profit Organization

Dean Hyman Kamens, left, receives a $1000 check from Dr. Robert Shulman, treasurer of Alumni Association. The money represents part of the contributions made by the Alumni during the March luncheon.

Formal papers of incorporation were passed recently at a special executive board meeting of the Alumni Association.

The Corporation formed under Massachusetts law will enable the Alumni Association to legally act as a non-profit organization. Thus as a non-profit organization, all contributions are unquestionably tax deductable.

Spear-headed by Dr. Morris L. Berman, chairman of the Alumni Building committee, the move to incorporate was necessary in order to remove complications from our future capital funds drive.

The advantages gained by incorporation include absolving of personal liability of any members of the Alumni Association for any contracts signed in its name. In addition, the Alumni Association will now apply for exemption, as a non-profit, organization, from paying Sales Taxes on any of its purchases.

The formal date of incorporation will be listed on the Alumni records as April 26, 1967. The papers were signed in the presence of the corporation attorney, Edward Hoffman.

Your Association is now in a position to forge ahead on its planned programs and to make best use of contributions.

Progress is evident; your support is needed.

Campus Currents Are Changing

The college scene is now charged with protest sit-ins, and demonstrations which reflect a new mood in student attitude.

This is a time when every college is re-examining its own policy toward students. Most college presidents are asking "what is the role of the college administration in today's shifting college environment?"

For some time now, students and Alumni have been vociferously complaining about MCO. Some of the protests have been legitimate; more are merely petty. Few, if any, of the criticisms leveled have been constructive; most have been destructive. We of the "Alumni Bulletin" hope to reverse this trend.

To do this we are asking the Alumni, elected student officials, faculty and administration to define the "MCO situation." Let us know how YOU feel about it, i.e. what it is; what is wrong with it; what is right with it; and how can it be improved.

The topic itself is, in many ways, nebulous, and purposely so. We want to allow each contributor complete freedom in his choice of subjects. We hope constructive discussion and future action will follow.

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College to Offer Post-Graduate Seminar During Summer Months

The College has announced a special Post-graduate Educational Program leading to the Doctor of Optometry degree.

Dean Hyman Kamens has announced that the course is open to all Optometrists who have a Batcheldor of Science degree in Optometry.

This special educational program will begin in July and will continue two days a week for nine weeks. Since enrollment is limited, all Optometrists interested should act immediately.

Further details including information concerning tuition and exact dates should be obtained by writing to Dean Kamens, Massachusetts College of Optometry, 174 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

All inquiries and registration information must be received by the college no later than June 1, 1967.

COLLEGE CURRENT

Major Renovation in Library; Dean's List Announced

A major renovation project is now in process at the College. The Library is being enlarged to over double its present size with more space being created for storage, study and displays.

Dean Kamens reported that the two rooms adjacent to the library previously used for studying were made into one large room with a connection to the present library area. Thus, a student can now enter the library, find his desired book and go right into the enlarged, well-lighted study area.

The new room will contain magazine racks with current copies of all the major Optometric literature. Also, the room will contain new publications with topics current to the curriculum.

Dean Kamens stated that the new Library facilities will go a "long way" toward alleviating the over-crowded area now used. He said it would allow the students to not only study in pleasant surroundings, but also to have new and current information readily available for reference.

The enlarged Library area will be completely ready for the Fall semester.

Mr. Hassie Stilley, college custodian, was recently hospitalized, and we are now happy to report, is completely recovered and back on the job at M.C.O. He is very grateful for the many get-well wishes he received while in the hospital and sends his warmest greetings to all of "his doctors."

An appreciable number of our graduating class would like to hear from practicing alumni who are interested in having a young man associate with them in practice. If you would like to speak to some prospective individuals, write to the college c/o the Registrar and let us know.

Dr. Raymond Pastor, Belmont, Class of 1934 recently passed away.

The following students by virtue of their high scholastic standing, have been placed on the Dean's List:

First Year: James Begun; Uldus Delviks, Edward Goldberg, and Pauline Vachon.

Second Year: Daniel Appleton, and Victor Finnemore.

Third Year: JoAnn Greenberg, Mary Rozanski, and Michael Zucker.

Fourth Year: Paul Adrien, Neill Cowles, Robert Gold, Ronald Levitt, Ronald Millman, Michael Newman, David Regan, Jay Rosen, Kenneth Roth, and Arnold Vogel.

This year's REFLECTIONS promises to be bigger and better than ever. If you would like to help out and have your name inscribed on our Alumni Page, send your contribution in the amount of five dollars or more to: Reflections 1967, c/o Massachusetts College of Optometry, 178 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Thank you.

Enjoying the Annual Luncheon at the Statler are (beginning at waiter on left and clockwise around the table) Drs. R. Baker, F. Namias, D. Blanchard, C. Pride, M. Bemis and family, J, Asarkoff, and J. Montminy. (Robert Cady Photo)

Third Grade Children Thank Optometrist (In their own way)

Kids say the darndest things!

Dr. Al Lamont of Newton, Alumni Vice-President, found this to be very true following a recent discussion he had with a large number of third grade children.

The following comments are excerpts from thank-you notes written by the children to Dr. Lamont.

"I wish I could wear Contact Lenses."

"I think we were very lucky to have you come and tell us all about the I and the difference of vishon and site."

"How do you make that fly (Titmus Stereo fly) look read? I tried to catch the fly but he would not hold still."

"I forgot to ask you: 'Why do some people people have double vision vision?' "

"You told us things my mother didn't know."

"When you said your skin breathes, how come when you hold your breath you can't breathe?"

"I wood like to have a conversashun with you."

"How come you cry salt water instead of plane water?"

"One thing I liked, but it wasn't the best thing I liked was that we didn't have any Social Studies or Science."

Dr. Lamont reminds us to accept all invitations to speak to groups. As he says, "They not only can be rewarding; but they can also be fun."

Enclosed with this issue of "THE BULLETIN" is a convenient return envelope for the payment of dues. If you have already paid for this year, please disregard this bill. If you haven't paid, act now! YOUR Association needs YOUR support!

Trustees Increase Membership; Two Optometrists Elected

The College Trustees have elected two prominent Optometrists and a Boston Business Executive to the Board for a three-year term.

The men are: Joseph F. Montminy, O.D., Lowell, Mass.; G. Burtt Holmes, O.D., Worcester, Mass.; and Paul L. Beane, Newton, Mass.

Dr. Montminy has been active in Optometric activities for many years, and has been a sincere and devoted alumnus of the College. He has been instrumental in helping the College and students in many different ways. Dr. Montminy's late father, Dr. Joseph F. Montminy, Sr., served as President of the College for many years.

Dr. G. Burtt Holmes, also alumnus of the Massachusetts College of Optometry, is currently serving as President of the New England Council of Optometrists, and has been active in Optometric Education for many years. Dr. Holmes is also a member of the college faculty.

Mr. Paul L. Beane, is President of the Paul L. Beane Company and President of the Commonwealth Importing Corporation. He is also Treasurer of Emerson College, Boston, and is past President of the Nazareth Food Association of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts House Speaker To Address June Graduation

The Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives will give the address at the College Commencement Friday, June 9 at New England Life Hall, at 2:00 P.M.

The Honorable John F. X. Davoren of Milford, Mass. will also be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Prior to his election as Speaker, Mr. Davoren served as Majority Leader and Acting Speaker as well as Vice-Chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee. In addition, Speaker Davoren has had wide and diversified legislative experience, having served as Assistant Majority leader, Chairman of the Committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, and Clerk of the Committee on Military Affairs. Speaker Davoren holds an honorary Doctorate of Political Science from Calvin Coolidge College of Liberal Arts and is a Trustee at Northeastern University.

The Board of Trustees has also voted to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Leon J. Taubenhaus, M.D., M.P.H. Deputy Commissioner for Community Health Services, Boston Department of Health and Hospitals. Dr. Taubenhaus is being honored for his outstanding record of public service and for his interest in optometric education.

Scholarships and awards will be presented by Dr. Foster Namias, chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Awards.

Dr. Alfred Hanson, President of the Alumni Association will present the Alumni Association award to that Senior who has demonstrated an outstanding extracurricular record as well as good scholarship.

The Graduation ceremonies are open to parents and friends of the Graduates as well as alumni and their guests.

"Cheaper by the Dozen"

By Dr. Robert I. Kraus

There are some men in practice
Who never will succeed
Because they do not follow
Good points they hear or read.
So, if you've got ambition
And to that group belong,
Just read this list I've written
Of how to do things "wrong."

1. Be sure to have bad breath.
2. Be unshaven.
3. Dress sloppy.
4. Do not clean your fingernails.
5. Don't wash your hands before each patient.
6. Have an uncomfortable and untidy reception room.
7. Keep all ashtrays filled.
8. Allow cigar smoking in the examining room.
9. Keep your desk in disarray.
10. Keep old, torn magazines in the reception room.
11. Don't hire a receptionist unless she is gruff and unpleasant.
12. Schedule your appointments so patients must wait over 15 minutes.
13. Do not take a complete and thorough case history.
14. Remember to talk **down** to your patient.
15. Do not take the time to explain any of your procedures.
16. Complete your entire refraction in 15 minutes.
17. Do not use modern eye-wear; use all discontinued frames.
18. Utilize imperfect lenses.
19. Do not recommend multiple eyewear.
20. Never send re-examination notices.
21. Don't send regular monthly statements.
22. When pathology is discovered, don't refer the patient out for immediate medical attention.
23. Speak hesitantly; keep the patient anxious and in doubt.
24. Allow the patient to leave your office with unanswered questions and a feeling of insecurity.

Two dozen points are just a few
Of ways NOT to succeed
And if you've any common sense,
To all of them, take heed!

CLASS OF 1927 — SPECIAL NOTICE

Plans have been made for a 40th Reunion

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2 P.M.

Meet at Graduation Exercises, New England Life Hall, Boston, Massachusetts

Dinner and Entertainment to Follow

Committee:
Dr. Morton Gordon, Chairman, 56 Hilldale Road, West Hartford, Connecticut
Dr. Richard Fraher, Bridgeport, Connecticut
Dr. Everett Westcott, Westerly, Rhode Island

Alumni Break Attendance Records And Contribute

An overflow crowd of Massachusetts College of Optometry alumni swamped the facilities of the Bay State Room at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston, at the Annual Luncheon and Installation of Officers, March 19.

Dr. Alfred Hanson, President of the Alumni Association, welcomed the members of the Association. He reviewed events of the preceding year, highlighted by the College Homecoming in June of 1966 which was attended by over 600 alumni and guests. Other alumni functions such as the Winter Educational Meeting at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.; the Meeting held April 19th at the American Optical Research Facilities in Southbridge, and the projected Fall Meeting to be held at the Polaroid Corp. Laboratories in Waltham, Mass., were also reviewed by Dr. Hanson. He stressed major efforts to be attempted during the coming year in order to increase the active Alumni membership.

Dr. John Callinan, Director of the Alumni Association and Head Class Agent, reported on his efforts to maintain contact through the Class Agents with the individual alumni. Despite the increased attendance at the Luncheon, Dr. Callinan felt that there was considerable apathy on the part of the Class Agents and there is much room for improvement.

Dr. Melvin Dunbar, Class of '31, and President of the A.O.A., presided over the Installation of the New Officers and also administered the oath of office to the following members:

Dr. Alfred Hanson, Attleboro, Mass., President; Dr. Alton Lamont, Newton, Mass., 1st Vice-President; Dr. Paul Pelton, Clinton, Mass., 2nd Vice-President; Dr. Robert Shulman, Roxbury, Mass., Treasurer; Dr. Carroll Martus, Lynn, Mass., Recording Secretary; and Dr. Morris Berman, Boston, Mass., Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. Hyman Kamens, Dean of the College, reported on changes in the college curriculum. All courses now offered pertain to Optometry exclusively, inasmuch as all applicants for admission must have at least two years of college studies completed prior to acceptance. In 1966-67, of the 41 students in the first year class, 25 have either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree, 9 have completed three years of college training, and the balance have the required minimum of two years of college. The Committee on Academic Affairs, consisting of Dr. Samuel Wasserman, Dr. Carroll Martus, and Dr. Frank Kozol, in conjunction with a consultant from Boston University, have planned new courses in Optometry in Public Health, Environmental Optics, Developmental Vision, Optometry Seminars, Bio-Microscopy, and Ocular Pharmacology.

Dean Kamens further reported that the research project in Tonometry has been concluded and results will be published soon. Another project, "Anisekonia in relation to Strabismus," has been started. The Clinic facilities of the College have been expanded and now include fifteen complete refracting units. A total of 100% of the last years graduating class took State Board Examinations and all who took the Mass. Boards, passed.

Twenty-Fifth Reunion Class

The class of 1942 held its 25th reunion this year at the luncheon. Those present included, in the left panel, Dr. S. Wasserman, (front center), and clockwise around the table, Dr. and Mrs. R. Rodman, Dr. J. Mechanic, Dr. M. Font, Dr. Fonsceca, Dr. E. Fuschetti, Dr. Richmond, and Mrs. S. Wasserman. In the right panel, Mrs. H. Calderone, (front center), and clockwise around the table, Dr. J. Berg, Dr. E. Glickman, Dr. H. Cline, Dr. and Mrs. J. Mittleman, Dr. and Mrs. E. McVay, and Dr. H. Calderone. (Robert Cady Photo)

er $1,000 To Building Fund At Annual Luncheon

Dr. Otto Hochstadt, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the College, reported that the financial picture has never been better. The present College Building and the Clinic Building are completely paid for, and the site recently purchased for erection of an addition to the Main Building now has a mortgage of only $150,000. With the expected Government Grants and a mortgage on the proposed $1 million addition, the conservative approach to the Building Fund and a major effort on the part of the alumni will guarantee a successful completion of present plans. The College now has between $500,000 and $600,000 of assets. Faculty salaries have been increased by 20%.

Dr. Otto Hochstadt

Dean Hyman Kamens

Alumni Contributions Listed

Contributions of over $1000 were made to the Building Fund by Alumni at the annual luncheon.

The following Alumni were among those contributing:

Class of 1932: Total: $350.00

Doctors: J. F. Montminy, E. G. Bradley.

Class of 1937 Total: $220.00

Doctors: J. Shack, J. DiNapoli, L. Plekavich, P. A. Julian, M. Perlow, R. F. Preston, A. Tuells, and S. Fineberg.

Class of 1942 Total: $440.00

Doctors: Joseph L. Berg, H. Cline, S. MacKenzie, Jr., M. Garegill, S. Wasserman, E. McVay, M. Font, P. Savoy, J. Mittleman, J. Mechanic, H. Caldarone, E. A. Glickman, L. Upham, M. Mark, R. Rodman, L. Otis, and J. Jacobs.

Class of 1962 Total: $125.00

Doctors: M. Gorman, J. Fantazian, A. Papineau, Nadelman, H. Snetsky.

No Class Year Total: $295.00

Doctors: F. Namais, C. Pride, M. Harris, R. Brennan, G. Prevost, J. Aserkof, and A. A. Hoffman.

Head Table guests at the luncheon included, front table, from left, Dr. C. Eichorn, A.O.F. chairman; Dr. E. Levey, South Africa, Dr. S. Gordon, Dr. D. Horley, Past President Alumni Association; Dr. M. Berman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Berman, Dr. A. Lamont, First Vice-President; Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. P. Pelton, Dr. P. Pelton, Second Vice-President; and Dr. T. Callinan, Class Agent Chairman; Rear Table, from left, Attorney J. Duffy, Mr. M. Saval, and Dr. G. E. Bradley, all College Trustees; Dr. H. Kamens, Dean; Dr. A. Hanson, Alumni President; Mrs. M. Dunbar, (Dr. Dunbar, A.O.A. President, hidden behind podium); Dr. O. Hochstadt, College Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. A. Parrot, College Trustee. (Robert Cady Photo)

Dr. Hochstadt also discussed the considerations that had been given to affiliation with several Universities and pointed out the dangers inherent in such a move. He also reiterated the belief of the Board of Trustees as to retention of the present site of the College and its new addition.

Luncheon

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An over-capacity group of Alumni filled the Bay State Room of the Hotel Statler at the annual luncheon. (Robert Cady Photo)

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Registration for the luncheon was so heavy that Alumni had to be turned away due to lack of facilities. The long line for registration delayed the luncheon for over twenty minutes. (Robert Cady Photo)

Dean Announces New Courses

The changes in the curriculum have been approved for the new program of study in which students will receive their O.D. degree at graduation. Some of the new courses will include Public Health Optometry, Ocular Pharmacology, Biomicroscopy, Developmental Vision, and Optometry Seminar. The course "Optometry Seminar" will include optometrists in private practice who will sit in with the students and discuss different ways of case analysis.

It is the hope of the Dean that many private optometrists will participate in this course.

There have been changes made in the Clinic in which the number of refracting units have increased from 7 to 15 units. These units now have a Phoropter, Chair and Stand, Projector and Keratonometer.

The number of patients have also increased so that there has been a 38% overall increase in patient-student load. Most students who graduate this year will have an average number of 78 patients seen.

Luncheon

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All in all, Dr. Hochstadt's report was received with considerable acclaim and, in immediate response, substantial contributions to the Building Fund were announced both from the main body of alumni and the Board of Trustees. Class and individual gifts were announced, among them gifts from the Silver Anniversary Class of 1942, the Class of 1962, the Class of 1932, Dr. J. A. Sullivan, '27, Dr. Joseph F. Montminy, Jr., '32, Dr. G. Edward Bradley, Dr. Adelbert Parrott, and Dr. Hochstadt.

Among the guests were Joseph M. Duffy and Maurice Saval, Trustees of the College; Dr. E. L. Eichorn, Director of the A.O.A.; Edwin M. Levey, F.B.O.A., F.A.A.O.; Donald Horley, O.D., F.A.A.O., and Past President of the Alumni Association; Stanley Gordon, O.D. of the Contact Lens Guild; E. Albert Glickman, O.D., Past President of the Alumni Association; Max Fishelson, O.D., former President of the Mass. Optometric Society; Roland Gaudette, O.D., President of the Mass. Optometric Society.

Record Alumni Attendance At Unique Educational Meetings

A tour of Chelsea Naval Hospital and a visit to the American Optical research building highlighted two recent educational meetings of the Alumni Association.

In February, a record attendance of nearly 100 Alumni were welcomed to the oldest hospital in continuous service by the Commanding Officer of the base, Captain Tracey D. Cuttle, M.C., USN.

The hospital was commissioned on January 7, 1863 with a 100 bed capacity. During World War II, Chelsea's admissions rose to 2700. Among the patients was Lieutenant John F. Kennedy, U.S.N.R. He was sent here for treatment of wounds suffered when his P.T. boat was cut in half.

Chelsea Naval Hospital today is a completely modern teaching hospital, working in close concert with many outstanding hospitals in the Boston area. A number of Boston's leading specialists serve as consultants, to insure that hospitalized personnel have the finest medical care available to them as part of the mission of the hospital.

An area in which this hospital has played a pioneer's role is the development of frozen blood. Thus blood can be stored indefinitely and then reintroduced to prospective recipients, either the original donor or others.

In addition, this hospital provides specialized treatment in Neurosurgery, Radioisotope Laboratory and Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery for the Navy as a whole and other authorized personnel.

This hospital features both an intern and residency training program. Residency training is available to Naval medical officers in the fields of Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopedic Surgery, Pediatrics, and Surgery, and soon, Intern Residency.

The Alumni were treated to an excellent illustrated lecture on Fundus Pathology by the chief, and assistant chief, of Ophthalmology.

On April 19, 1967 a group of nearly 50 alumni from as far away as New Hampshire, Rhode Island, the Berkshires, and Amherst, Mass., were guests of the American Optical Company research department in Southbridge.

Following a tour of the facility, illustrated lectures included: Vectographic Slide — Near Point and Far Point, by Dr. B. Grolman; Center of Rotation and Fitting Techniques, by J. K. Davis; Laser Beams and Holography, by Drs. C. G. Koester and R. Vanligten.

At the conclusion of the tour, the Alumni were guests of American Optical Company at a reception held at the Cohasset Country Club. Before the trip home, the group dined at the New Publick House in Sturbridge.

Alumni are reminded that arrangements are now being made to visit the Polaroid Corporation plant in Waltham. This tour is scheduled for the fall alumni meeting.

Details will follow.

If you weren't present at either of these special meetings you passed up a golden opportunity to broaden your educational and social horizons.

Recent Keratoplasty Successes Bring New Hope to Patients

by Robert Duckman '69

For the past sixty-one years corneal transplant has been practiced successfully and has restored sight to patients who have been considered hopelessly blind because of an opaque corneal scar. Today 90% of all transplants are successful.

The cornea of the eye is one part of the body that can be transplanted from one human being to another without usually touching off the immune reaction of rejection mechanism which dooms most skin and organ grafts. This is due to the fact that there are no blood vessels in the cornea and therefore there is no interaction between the "immune reaction" in the donor's blood and the graft itself. This absence of "immune reaction" factors is the main reason for such a high percentage of successful grafts.

The modern corneal grafts vary in size from four to ten millimeters. In the early days of pioneering technique, the grafts were small since they gave rise to fewer complications. However, in recent years the size has been increased with safety and much advantage to the patient.

Modern instruments are very good. A sharp trephine of suitable diameter is used to cut the graft out. The graft is sewn in place with silk thread and secured with twelve to sixteen stitches. The operation is usually performed under local anesthetics and lasts about forty minutes.

Complications are few. The few that remain lie in the realm of Biology and include the invasion of the graft by new blood vessels and by fluid from the interior of the eye. Nevertheless the use of corticosteroids and beta radiation have become valuable controls against these unwanted blood vessels. Fluid invasion, or edema, of the corneal graft remains the most important area of research.

The success of any graft depends on the type of scars from the operation. As an example, for distortion, such as kerataconus the rate of success—meaning a clear graft and good VA—is about 95%. In the usual type of corneal scar the rate of success is about 70%. However in scars from metal burns or from lime, it remains 10-15% successful.

Since the rate of successful grafts is so high, the demand for corneas is much greater than the supply. Many interesting steps have been taken to bring the supply level up to the demand point. Prof. Paul Payrau of Paris has been transplanting animal corneas to human beings. He found that pig corneas were not satisfactory because they became opaque after implantation. However, corneas from a large number of dogs have remained transparent in 50% of Prof. Payrau's cases. Dogs even have an advantage over humans in that dogs never suffer from inflamation or scarring of the cornea, due to infection of the herpes simplex virus. Prof. Payrau has had some success with small sharks also.

Recently the insertion of small plastic lenses into the cornea has been tried. For a few months they appear to be successful. Eventually they are extruded because there is no firm bind between lens and cornea. Another complication is the growth of membranes that obscure and bury the plastic implant.

Dr. Benedelto Strampelli of Rome conceived of the idea of fixing the plastic implant in a ring of the patients own tissue, from one of his teeth. The tooth ring heals into the cornea and the plastic implant is thus held in place. Early results with this method are quite promising.

In a relatively short time these and other techniques may be perfected enough to completely eliminate blindness caused by corneal scars.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The preceding is a reprint of a special article that appeared in the November-December issue of *Acuity*, a new publication of the honor society of the college.

Written by an undergraduate, the article was reprinted here because of its special interest to all alumni.

The Alumni Bulletin salutes the members of *Acuity* and their contribution to Optometric education.

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Dunbar were among the guests at the Alumni luncheon. Dr. Dunbar, A.O.A. President, is an alumnus of the College and a New Hampshire resident.

Potpourri

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Looking further ahead to next fall, we have been invited to the Polaroid Corporation on Route 128. Here we will see this company's tremendous research program and how it pertains to vision.

Finally, much time and giant efforts by your board and its sub-committee, has been given to starting a large Alumni Association Building Fund Drive. Your college has been at work raising funds for a new building. We have interviewed professional fund raisers and met jointly with the Board of Trustees. It is the consensus of opinion that the Alumni Association is not quite ready in many ways to attempt this major project immediately. But it is my hope and prayer that someday soon, the Alumni can look forward to a new building which will better represent our growing modern profession here in the Boston area.

I do want to thank sincerely my Officers, Directors, and Advisors who have helped make this report possible.

PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

By Alfred D. Hanson, O.D.

I feel that the proper report from the President of your Alumni Association should be the Annual Report given at the March luncheon during the NECO meeting. This was the largest meeting we have ever had. It is the first time that members and their wives had to be turned away. Let me assure those unfortunate people who were turned away that it was not the fault of your Alumni Association, but the Hotel Statler, who was unable to seat and serve all of you. To prevent this, a reservation is a must — from now on. I'm most happy to report that well over a thousand dollars in checks and cash were turned over to the College Building Fund from Alumni members present. The following is the President's Report given at the luncheon:

President's Annual Report of the Massachusetts College of Optometry Alumni Association, March 19, 1967

"Time in days, weeks and months, seems to quicken as one grows older. A year ago in my short acceptance speech, I made few promises. The major goal I set, and which I hoped to accomplish, was to close a seemingly widening gap between the Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Optometry. I can honestly report to you that this gap has been reduced tremendously. We have met with them, and the members of their board have met with us. We were even able to decline another invitation from the Board of Trustees, because all was status quo at the time. I sincerely hope and pray that the two groups continue to communicate often and more readily for the mutual benefit of all concerned. The officers, Directors, and Advisors met several times during the year. The mailing schedule of the Alumni Bulletin was maintained.

A major achievement of the year was our second Home-coming and Open House during the American Optometric Convention here in Boston last June. We had over 600 Alumni and friends visit our college and its modern clinic at Kenmore Square (some thoughts are being generated in having a similar program each June on Graduation Day.)

Financially we have improved our method of billing and have presented each of you who have paid your dues a beautiful Certificate of Membership. Our financial condition is better than it has ever been; but like any other growing organization, we need and could use more members and more money. The Alumni Association presented its Annual Award to the graduating senior who achieved an outstanding scholastic and extra-curricular record. This award was presented to David Feris.

The Alumni Association awarded two scholarships to two students this year, amounting to $500.00.

Educationally, I am very proud of our achievements. Last fall the Alumni was given the opportunity to hear and meet two of its faculty: Dean Kamens, and Dr. Robert McNulty. I wish that more of the Alumni members would avail themselves of the chance to come and visit, hear our fine faculty, and see our college facilities. Our facilities continue to improve and grow in size, quality, and stature since the years when you and I were at Massachusetts College of Optometry.

At our winter meeting, held last month, we were invited to the Chelsea Naval Hospital. It is the oldest naval hospital in continuous service in our country. We were welcomed aboard by the commanding officer of the base. We enjoyed a fine illustrated talk by two ophthalmologists, and a guided tour of the base and hospital by our own alumnus, Commander Jack Tully. Next month, on April 19th, we have another excellent spring program arranged. We will visit the American Optical Company plant in Southbridge, and learn about all their research projects pertaining to vision.

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